

Board of Commissioners

February 5, 2007 – 8:45 a.m.

Meeting called to order by President Rininger. Commissioners Rininger and Logsdon and Board Attorney Lueken were present.

Grandview Water

Donna Burroughs of the Town of Grandview asked the Commissioners to make an appointment to the Wage Construction Board for the Town of Grandview. Logsdon made a motion to appoint Larry Sigler, if he is willing, if not the board appoints Tom Litkenhus. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

Hoosier Safety Grant

Perdue asked the Commissioners to sign the final papers to accept the \$1,500 from a Hoosier Safety Grant. Perdue stated there is no county match and it has been approved by the state. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriation

Circuit Court – Judge Roell previously asked for an additional appropriation from the Cumulative Capital Fund for a new server and general computer upgrade and it was found to be \$1,576 short of the amount needed. Logsdon made a motion to request the additional appropriation from the County Council. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Claims

Claims for January 26, 2007. Logsdon questioned a claim from Johnson Control. The amount was the annual payment for the company to handle the security system and control panel in the jail. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Minutes

Executive Session and Regular Meeting January 16, 2007. Logsdon made the motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Pay Claims

Claims for pays dated January 5, 2007, January 19, 2007 and February 2, 2007. Logsdon made a motion to approve. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Additional Appropriations

Riverboat – Lueken explained that the council approved the last additional for the amount of the currently due bills in the amount of \$12,000. He asked that the Commissioners request the balance originally asked for in the amount of \$28,000. Logsdon made the motion. Rininger seconded. All in favor.

Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Contract – Logsdon made a motion to request an addition \$10,800 to cover the balance of Joe King's contract as Courthouse and Jail Maintenance Person. Rininger seconded. All in favor. The contract for King was signed.

Commissioner Leiberger joined the meeting.

### Old EMS Building Quotes

No quotes were submitted. Rininger suggested the quotes be requested again from the same contractors and some additional contractors for the March 5 meeting. Logsdon stated he went through the old jail and the old EMS building with Prosecutor Dartt, Sheriff Lindsey and others to look at how they are currently being used and how they can be used. Logsdon stated that the material being stored may need climate control and the bids did not include anything for heating or air conditioning. Logsdon was asked by the group if it would be better to tear down the existing building and put up a new building. Leiberling agreed with that suggestion. Lueken stated if paper is being stored, climate control is needed. Logsdon also stated it was requested for him to bring before the board the suggestion of remodeling the old jail for storage. Rininger stated that it would be a huge undertaking to remodel the jail to be suitable for storage. Logsdon asked Councilman Gogel to walk through the building with King and give his opinion at the January 16 meeting. Gogel asked how it would be used. Logsdon stated record storage, evidence storage, and if possible an interview room for Sheriff's deputies.

### LTRSD

Jim Stevenson representing Luce Township Regional Sewer District Board asked what the LTRSD board can do for the commissioners to convince them to help. Leiberling stated he received a letter from Cathy Tretter stating that the testing that was done in the district is 10 years old and she suggested that the Commissioners request that the state re-test the district. Attorney Robinson stated a study was done by BLA showing Luce Township was the area with the most need. Rininger stated it would be good to have an up-to-date E-coli sampling done. Stevenson stated the board does not have a problem with more tests being done, as long as they are done fairly and accurately. There is no question that the district has problems. Leiberling stated something needs to be done and the person making the most comments against it does not live in the sewer district. Stevenson stated he is very tired of having his honesty questioned; opposition tactics are to continue requesting reports and tests, stall and delay and continue to add cost to the project until it fails. LTRSD board member Grady Gordon stated he has a responsibility to his family and his community. As a resident he had soil samples tested and did his own research before purchasing his home. He stated that currently his septic system has not failed but he asked Stallings what he would have to do if it did fail, and if he would have to change his system he would have to go to a mound system and install a perimeter drain at a cost of approximately \$13,000. He stated that with any system that does not pump the waste out to a treatment plant it is still poisoning the ground. The LTRSD will take care of the elderly and low income people and put things in place to keep this from being a burden. Stevenson stated a lot of money has been spent to accommodate the people who have less than honorable intentions. He asks the commissioners to show leadership and make a positive movement forward. Charlie McMican expressed concern about a new field bed being put in at Luce Elementary that is across the street from the water pumping system. LTRSD board member Bond stated he does not support the currently proposed system because they have not taken the time and effort needed to get IDEM approval for an alternate system. He also stated that with a bio-diesel plant potentially moving into the area that properly treated human waste can be used by the plant. Rininger stated the question before the board is whether to sign the resolution. Logsdon stated he believes there is a need for a sewer system; whatever system is put in, easements are going to be needed. He asked that if by the board signing this resolution are they unleashing some governmental process we are not aware of. Robinson stated no, that even if another system was adopted, easements would be needed. Robinson also stated that he has spoken with a real estate agent and homes are not being sold in the area because of this sewer problem. Logsdon made a motion to sign Resolution 2007-3 encouraging all residents in the sewer district to sign their easements so this project can go forward no matter what system is used. Leiberling seconded. All in favor. Leiberling stated he would like to recommend the State Board of Health to do updated testing. Logsdon stated that the board will go on record encouraging the County Board of Health to work with the State Board of Health to get current sample tests, if needed. Stevenson stated he would prefer an outsider do the testing because of the bias he felt was present with a county health employee. Leiberling made a motion to have the sampling done, if it is necessary, for the process to proceed. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

### Petition CR 650

Bill Braun presented the commissioners with a petition of residents and a map of the area showing the homes along CR 650. He compared the number of residents and homes on CR 650 to the number of residents and

homes on CR 500. CR 500 is chip and sealed, while CR 650 is not. Logsdon explained that at the time when CR 500 was chip and sealed it was a CEDIT road and CEDIT money can only be spent on CEDIT roads. Logsdon also explained that each commissioner has approximately \$200,000 to use on updating roads in each of their districts. Each commissioner determines how they are going to spend that money. This road is in Rininger's district and he will make the decision on how to spend his money. Rininger stated he will request the county engineer do a road count on CR 650. Logsdon stated that if Rininger recommends the chip and seal the board will support it.

#### The Way of Rockport

Ron Conner stated that at a past meeting the board expressed intent to help, but The Way needs something in writing so that when they are writing grants they can state that they definitely have a building. Most grants want to see the money go toward remodeling. Conner has met with Sheriff Lindsey, Chief Deputy McDurmon, and Jail Commander Green and they believe that we can find a way to bring inmates across the alley to classes. So one of the first things on the plan is to remodel the old jail and put in a lock down. Civic groups and volunteers are ready to help. Logsdon asked if a county wide corrections board was necessary in the requests for grants. Conner said it was not a necessity for The Way. It may be necessary if they were trying for state grants, but they are not looking at those right now. Logsdon stated that at an informal meeting all were in favor of the project. The concern is over the liability. Conner stated that until the decision is made to have classes and move the inmates, there is no liability. Also, if the building was gifted to The Way the liability would be released, and if it was leased the county would be listed as an additional insured. Logsdon made a motion to approve the use of the old county jail by The Way of Rockport, and after further study a determination will be made as to whether it is leased or an outright gift. Leiberling seconded. All in favor. Logsdon asked Lueken to come to the next meeting with advice as to which way to go. Logsdon asked for this to be placed on the agenda for the February 16 meeting.

#### Building Inspector – Annual Report

Inspector Jerry Bender made 639 inspections in 2006. 39 by his assistant Phil Brown, and 600 by him. This amount is approximately 50 less than the prior year. Lueken asked if he has signed his annual contract. He has not. Lueken stated that he will have that at the next meeting. Lueken also stated that Bender has questioned the current fee structure and Lueken is looking in to those.

#### Farm Ground Rental

Two farmers have requested to farm the 15 acres of county owned ground located in Section 21 in Ohio Township. The bid from Sermersheim was \$1210 annually. Hurm farms bid \$1200 annually, plus \$1 for each bushel over 120 bushels/acre for corn or plus \$2 for each bushel over 40 bushels/acre for soybeans. Logsdon made a motion to award the contract to Hurm Farms. Leiberling seconded. All in favor.

#### NACo

Assessor Arnold discussed joining the National Association of Counties which would enable the county to provide the NACo prescription card plan. Logsdon made a motion to apply for membership of NACo and that we notify Dubois County which is also a member. Leiberling seconded. All in favor.

#### Highway Report

Highway Superintendent Painter reported there were 2 accidents with county vehicles last week, neither were the fault of county employees. Logsdon asked if the salt brine that is put on the roads during snows was expensive for the county. Painter said no, it can be made for a few cents a gallon, and it will be effective on the roads for four to five days as long as there is no rain.

#### Engineer Report

Engineer Holstein presented a report by United giving estimates on the two different options for Bridge #292; whether to repair the existing abutment or replace the abutment. Holstein recommended the replacement of the abutment, even though the cost is more, it will last longer. Logsdon asked if funds are available in the Cum Bridge Fund, and Holstein said yes. Logsdon made a motion to accept the recommendation of the Highway Engineer to replace the abutment at an estimated cost of \$96,000. Leiberling seconded. All in favor. Painter asked if the Commissioners would want to also hire United to design the abutment. Logsdon made a motion to hire United as the architects for the abutment work to be done. Leiberling seconded. All in favor.

Holstein stated there will be a bid opening on March 5<sup>th</sup> for Bridge # 91 on CR 900 N east of Chrisney.

Holstein met with URS out of Indianapolis about the Orchard Road Project and they put together a cost estimate. She was impressed with the company and what they had to offer. The Commissioners will take under advisement. Logsdon asked if right-of-ways have been purchased for this project. Holstein stated it has been discussed with the Seiler’s and she is unsure if they will donate the right-of-way or not. She will speak with them again. Logsdon asked Lueken to find out if CEDIT funds can be used to purchase rights-of-way.

Holstein also presented to the Commissioners a list of goals for the coming year.

Rininger asked Holstein to do a road count on CR 650.

WTH

Rex Jones, CEO of WTH, was present to discuss various issues regarding the Think Map services they provide. Lueken stated the contract to put on splits and transfers is the standard agreement which we have used in past years. Jones explained how the property information is electronically updated and then synchronized back to the offices locally. Logsdon asked Assessor Arnold and Treasurer Dugas if they have had any problem. They both have had a positive experience with WTH. Logsdon asked about the new services offered. Jones explained that licenses are purchased by the various offices to work on and view the Think Map system. Currently all of the licenses have been for the editing version. Now WTH will be offering a view only version at a reduced cost for offices that do not need to have the editing version. Prices will be going up on the editing version but it will be cheaper to purchase the view only version. Leibering made a motion to sign the contract with WTH to handle the splits and transfer updates. Logsdon seconded. All in favor.

A company by the name of NAVTEQ has requested a copy of the county’s map data and First American Real Estate Company has requested a copy of the county’s tax data. Lueken stated that in Ordinance 2003-14, no person, unless authorized by the commissioners, can purchase the data for commercial use. Jones stated that now that the county has good data there will be more requests, but the commissioners have control over whether to sell the data. The data is public record; the question is whether to make it easier for someone to access the organized data. Logsdon asked if Dubois County has been approached by this company. Assessor Arnold stated that Dubois County has their tax data already online. Rininger stated a group of department heads needs to get together and discuss what data should be released and at what price and report back to the commissioners at the March 5<sup>th</sup> meeting. The departments to be contacted are: Assessor, Treasurer, Auditor, EMS, Plan Commission, Sheriff’s Department, and a Commissioner. Logsdon made a motion for a committee consisting of these departments to meet and discuss this issue. Leibering seconded. All in favor.

Legal Report

Lueken presented a Determination of Substantial Savings Through Unique Opportunity for the Commissioners to sign with regards to the purchase of two vehicles by the Sheriff’s Department. Logsdon made a motion to sign. Leibering seconded. All in favor.

Lueken also presented the Commissioners with a letter to be signed asking for support for the FEMA grant for the Spencer County Public Building to FEMA, Senator Lugar, Senator Bayh, and Congressman Hill. Logsdon made a motion to sign the letters. Leibering seconded. All in favor.

Leibering made a motion to adjourn. Logsdon seconded. All in favor. Meeting is adjourned at 11:47 am.

Board of Commissioners,

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_____ Cindy Shelton, Auditor	_____

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